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Examiner: N. Ippolito Rausch

For: SAMPLE TARGET HAVING SAMPLE SUPPORT SURFACE WHOSE FACE IS
TREATED, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF, AND MASS SPECTROMETER USING
THE SAMPLE TARGET

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. In lieu of certification, the fee of \$180 is attached.

The Examiner alleged the initial IDS did not comply because there was no concise explanation of the relevance of JP 6-508472. Here, the Japanese document is resubmitted along with a corresponding patent application GB 2,257,295, which is in English.

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO/SB/08a and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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